

Office of Accounts and Reports

12/19/19

Agenda

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IRS 2020 W-4 Form

2020 W-4 Form – General Info

- Existing employees are <u>not</u> required to complete a new form
- Required for all new or existing employees completing a Federal W-4 form on or after Jan. 1, 2020
 - Withholding allowances are no longer used
 - New form provides options for more accurate tax withholding
- Final version of the new form was released by the IRS on December 4th
- SHARP/ESS updates are being tested and are currently targeted to be applied on December 30th

2020 W-4 Form – Details

- ► New form is divided into 5 steps:
 - Step 1 (personal information and filing status) and Step 5 (signature) <u>are</u> <u>required</u>
 - Steps 2 4 may be used to establish a more accurate tax withholding
 - ▶ Allows for consideration of multiple jobs (Step 2), dependent tax credits (Step 3), and other adjustments (Step 4) in calculations
- New employees who fail to complete a W-4 will be treated as Single with no other adjustments
- ▶ If completing only Steps 1 & 5, withholding is based on the standard deduction and tax rates for the filing status selected
 - Single or Married filing Separately/Married Filing Jointly/Head of Household

2020 W-4 Form - Details

- ➤ Steps 2, 4a, and 4c if completed, will increase Federal tax withholding; completing Step 3 or 4b will decrease Federal tax withholding
- ► An employee may consider increasing Federal tax withholding if:
 - ► The employee holds more than one job at a time or both the employee and their spouse have jobs (Step 2)
 - ► The employee has income from sources other than a job that is not subject to withholding (Step 4a)
- ► An employee may consider decreasing Federal tax withholding if:
 - ► The employee is eligible for income tax credits such as the child or other dependent tax credit (Step 3)
 - The employee is eligible for deductions other than the standard deduction (Step 4b)

2020 W-4 Form - Details

- Per the IRS, Step 2 allows the employee to choose one of three different options for more accurate withholding, which include tradeoffs between accuracy, privacy and ease of use:
 - ▶ **Option 1 (Step 2a):** Most accurate/private option Use the Tax Withholding Estimator at www.irs.gov/W4app and enter additional amount on line 4c
 - ▶ Allows employee to identify the extra withholding amount to enter on line 4c without revealing additional jobs/income information to their employer
 - ▶ Option 2 (Step 2b): Uses Worksheet 1 on page 3 of the W-4 form to provide roughly accurate withholding without use of the online Tax Withholding Estimator calculates additional amount to be entered on line 4c
 - Note: If either option 1 or 2 are used and the pay changes for any of the jobs used in the calculation a new W-4 will need to be completed to have accurate withholding
 - ▶ Option 3 (Step 2c): Easiest option check box if only 2 jobs are held in household
 - Least accurate and may result in overwithholding but generally will not result in underwithholding
 - ▶ Reveals to the employer that multiple jobs exist in the household

2020 W-4 Form – Exempt Status

- An employee is eligible to claim Exempt status if the following criteria are met:
 - ► Employee had no income tax liability in the previous year
 - ► Employee anticipates no income tax liability in the upcoming year
- Listing of employees with 2019 exempt status was provided to SHARP agencies on or about Dec. 2, 2019 via the agency worklist
- ▶ In the SHARP Infolist message issued 12/16/19 agencies were provided detailed language to use to notify employees seeking to claim Exempt status for 2020 of the necessary actions required to claim exemption please ensure that information is communicated to employees!

2020 W-4 Form – Exempt Status

➤ To ensure exemption from withholding is effective with the first paycheck in 2020, employee may claim exempt status using one of the following methods:

Option 1: Submit a completed paper 2020 W-4 Form to agency HR/Payroll office: Individual should write 'Exempt' in the space below Step 4(c) and complete steps 1a, 1b, and 5

- ► Agency HR/Payroll staff must enter 'Exempt' status forms in SHARP between Mon, Dec. 30th and Fri, Jan 3rd at 6p with an effective date of January 2, 2020 for first paycheck in January
- NOTE: IRS instructions do <u>not</u> allow an individual claiming exemption to request extra withholding in Step 4(c) of the 2020 W-4 form

Option 2: Employee may complete a new 2020 W-4 form online in Employee Self Service (ESS) between January 1 and January 3, 2020 at 6p

▶ NOTE: New 2020 W-4 will not be available in ESS until Jan. 1st!

2020 W-4 Form - Resources

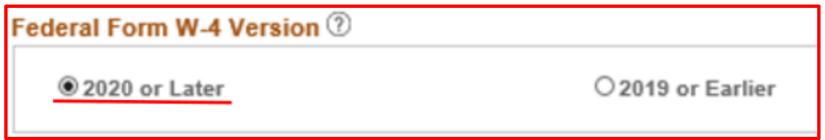
- Updates to the Tax Withholding Estimator at www.irs.gov/W4app are underway Individuals may consider using the estimator in the following scenarios:
 - Expect to work only part of the year
 - ► Have dividend, capital gain, or self-employment income or are subject to additional taxes
 - Prefer most accurate withholding for a multiple job situation
 - Prefer to limit information provided in steps 2 4 on the Form W-4 but do not want to sacrifice accuracy
- ► The State of Kansas Payroll Calculation Tool will be updated with the new tax calculations but may not be available by January 1, 2020
- ► Reminder: Employees should direct specific tax questions to their personal tax advisor agency HR/Payroll staff cannot provide tax advice to employees

Sources: https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/faqs-on-the-draft-2020-form-w-4

https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator

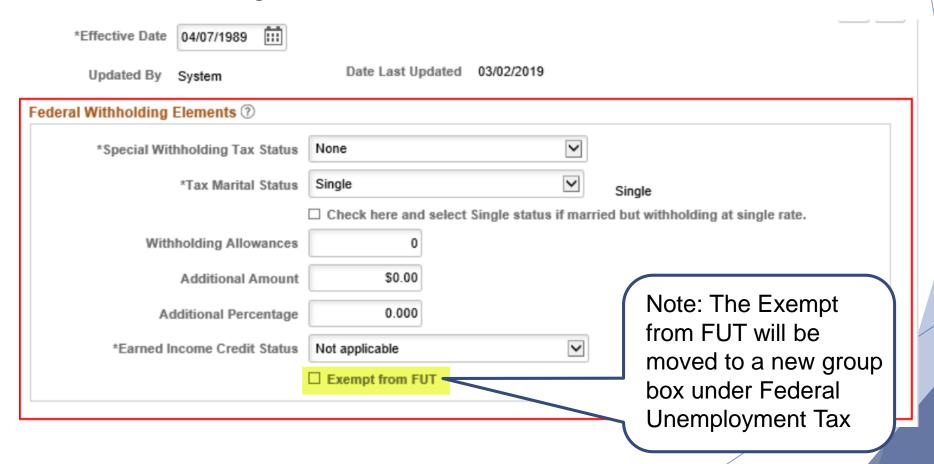
SHARP W-4 Impacts Fed Tax Data Changes

- ► The changes to the Federal W-4 form require payroll systems to track the version of the Federal W-4 on which an employee's tax withholding must be calculated these changes will be applied in SHARP on Dec. 30th
- ► The Fed Tax Data page in SHARP has been modified to include a new Federal Form W-4 Version box to select/display which Form W-4 tax calculation is in effect for the employee

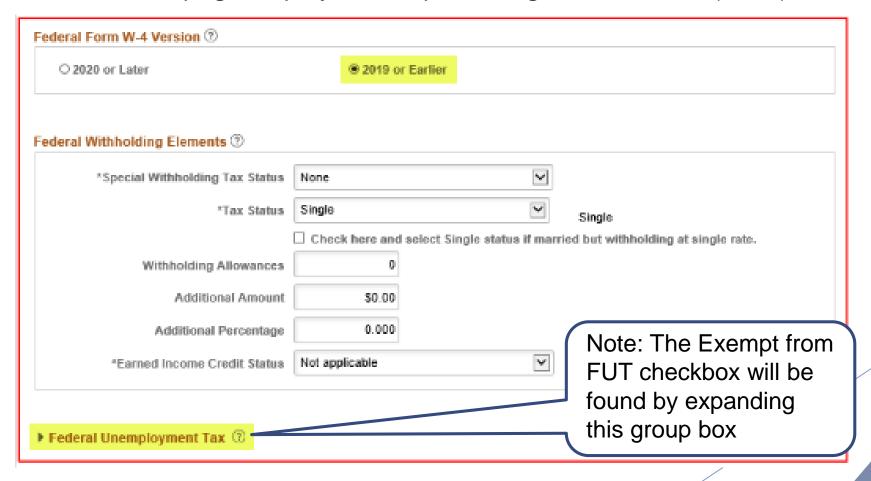


The correct radio button must be selected as it determines the federal tax calculation used to calculate the employee's federal tax withholding

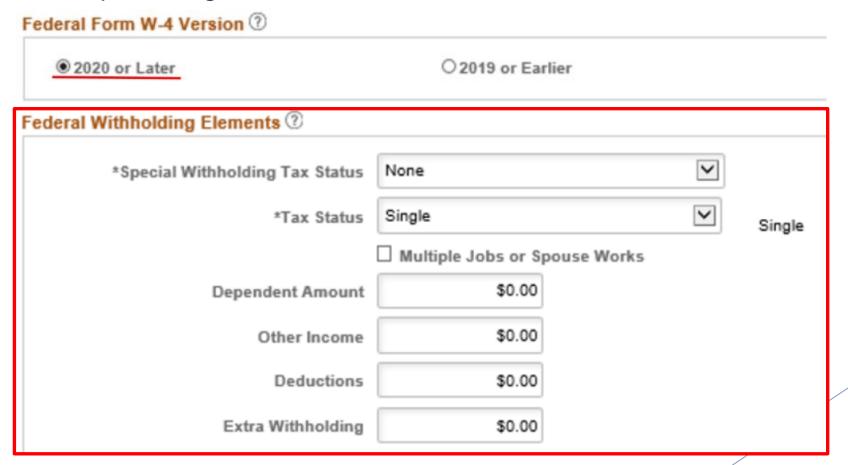
► The current Fed Tax Data Page in SHARP appears as follows for the 'Federal Withholding Elements' section:



On the new Fed Tax Data page, when the radio button "2019 or Earlier" is selected, the page displays fields pertaining to the current (2019) Form W-4:



▶ When the radio button "2020 or Later" is selected, the page displays fields pertaining to the 2020 Form W-4:



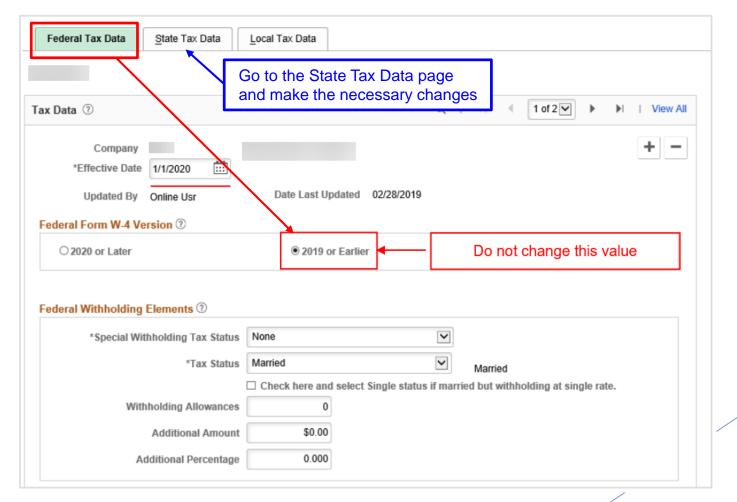
- When the changes are applied to SHARP on Dec. 30th <u>ALL</u> Fed Tax Data rows (including future dated rows) will be converted to the "2019 or earlier" W-4 tax calculation as no 2020 W-4s will have yet been entered in the system
- For existing employees, the "2020 or Later" Form W-4 Version is only selected if/when a new effective dated row is entered **because a new 2020 Federal W-4 form is submitted:**
 - Agency staff must select the "2020 or Later" W-4 tax calculation when entering a submitted 2020 Federal W-4 form
 - If a new form is entered, agency staff <u>must also review and update any</u> <u>future dated rows that exist</u> by selecting and saving the "2020 or Later" W-4 tax calculation button to ensure the proper payroll calculation is used
- Statewide Payroll will run queries to verify that future-dated rows are updated to ensure the correct Federal W-4 tax calculation is selected

SHARP – State/Local Tax Data Changes

- ► For **NEW** employees hired on or after 1/1/2020, the system will default the Federal Form W-4 version to '2020 or Later'
- ► For **EXISTING** employees hired before 1/1/2020:
 - ▶ If an employee elects a state withholding tax change by submitting the appropriate State Withholding Tax form (i.e. Kansas K-4) but HAS NOT submitted a new 2020 Federal Form W-4, the Federal Form W-4 Version on the new effective dated row remains "2019 or earlier"
- Reminder: The Effective Date reflects the Federal, State, and Local tax elections that are in place for the employee at that point in time. For existing employees, the effective date does <u>NOT</u> determine the Federal Form W-4 Version selection.

SHARP – State/Local Tax Data Changes

► **Example:** An existing employee requests an update to State Tax Withholding effective 1/1/2020 but does not submit a new 2020 Federal W-4:



SHARP – Entering a 2020 W-4

- To enter a new 2020 W-4 in Federal Tax Data:
 - ► Enter the effective date of the change
 - ▶ NOTE: When a new row is added effective 1/1/2020 or later, the 2020 or Later radio button and Form W-4 fields will default
 - ▶ If the "2020 or Later" radio button is selected and the effective date is prior to 1/1/2020, an error message will be displayed:

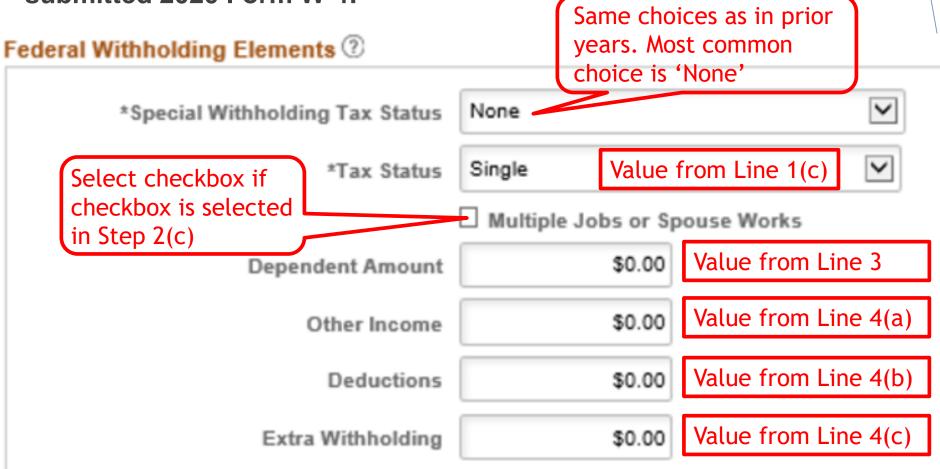
Invalid Federal Form W-4 Version Selected. (2000,1501)

The Federal Form W-4 Version of "2020 or Later" is not valid for the Effective Date given on the Federal Tax Data Record. Correct the Federal Form W-4 Version to "2019 or Earlier" or change the Effective Date.

OK

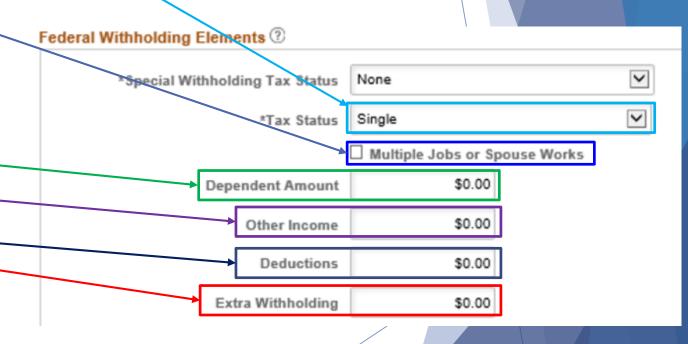
SHARP – Entering a 2020 W-4

Enter the Federal Withholding Elements based on the employee's submitted 2020 Form W-4:



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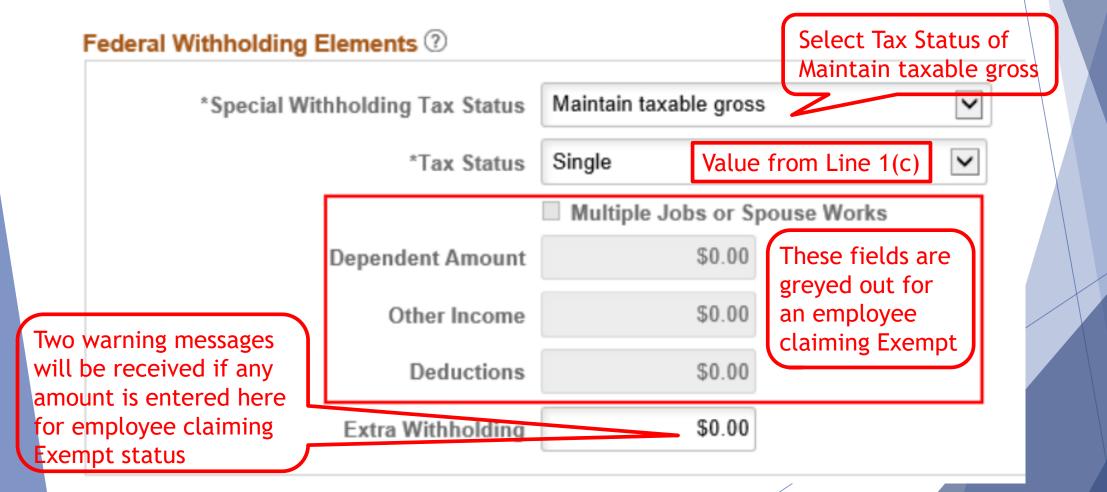
SHARP – Entering a 2020 W-4 (Form View)



- ► The KPAY320 process will be run the morning of Dec. 30th AFTER the new changes have been applied to SHARP and will insert a new 1/1/2020 row with the following values for any employee with a Special Withholding Tax Status = 'Exempt':
 - ► Federal Form W-4 Version = 2020 or Later
 - Special Withholding Tax Status = None
 - ► Tax Status = 'Single' with no other adjustments
- ➤ A SHARP Infolist message will be sent when the KPAY320 processing is completed. Upon receiving that notice, agency staff can enter paper 2020 Federal W-4 forms received from employees with an effective date of 1/2/2020. To be effective with the first paycheck in January, 2020 the exempt status must be entered before 6p on Friday, Jan.3rd.

- Fed Tax Data Special Withholding Tax Status must be entered as "Maintain taxable gross" - this status will track a taxable gross but no tax will be withheld
- ► To ensure accurate data entry, the Fed Tax Data page will now 'grey out' fields when certain Special Withholding Tax Status values are entered
- Note: Entry of any amount in 'Extra Withholding' for the Maintain Taxable Gross status will result in two 'Warning' messages as IRS instructions do not allow an individual claiming exempt to request an amount for 'Extra Withholding'

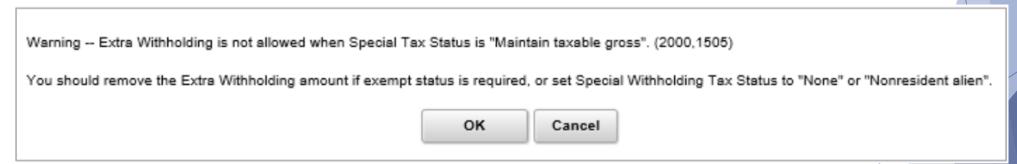
Data Entry on Fed Tax Data for employee claiming 'Exempt' status



If an amount is entered in Extra Withholding, the following warning is issued:



After selecting 'OK', a second warning is issued:



Select 'OK' to correct Special Tax Status and/or to obtain corrected W-4 form from employee

SHARP – Fed Tax Data for New Hires

- ► The Fed Tax Data row and the W-4 version (2019 or 2020) for a new hire will be inserted based on the effective date
 - ► Effective date prior to 1/1/2020 will default to "2019 or earlier"
 - ► Effective date of 1/1/2020 or later will default to "2020 or Later"
- Agencies with new hires with Fed Tax Data effective dates on or after January 1, 2020 should wait to enter Fed Tax Data for those employees until the system updates are in production on Dec. 30, 2019 and the correct version of the Federal 2020 W-4 can be elected

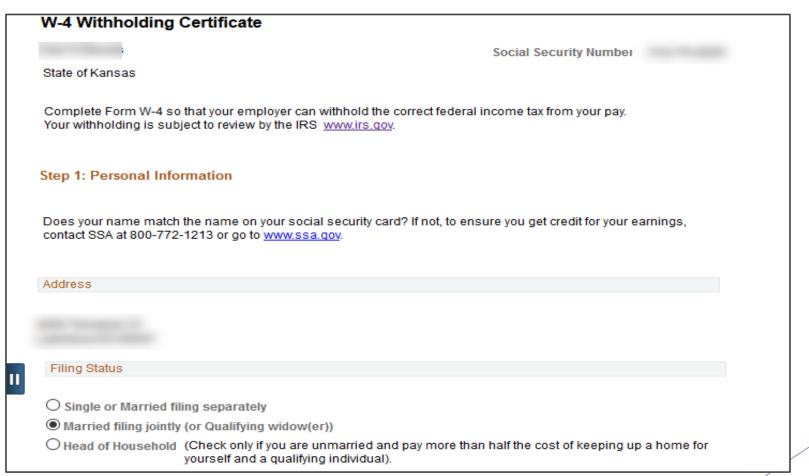
REGENT AGENCIES ONLY – NRAs on MRI

- ► The KPAY320 program will be executed the morning of Dec. 30th AFTER the new changes have been applied to SHARP and will insert a new 1/1/2020 Non-Resident Alien Federal Tax Status row with the Filing Status = 'Single' for all employees with a 2019 status of 'Non-Resident Alien'
- New Fed Tax Data rows submitted by regent agencies via the MRI for non-resident alien employees with an effective date of on or after 1/1/2020 will default to the '2020 or Later' Federal W-4 version with a Filing Status = 'Single'
- Regent agencies are reminded that the '8233' indicator on the tax data records should be updated once a Form 8233 for calendar year 2020 has been submitted

SHARP W-4 Impacts **Employee Self** Service Changes

- ➤ On January 1, 2020, Employee Self Service (ESS) will allow on-line access to complete the new 2020 W-4
- ► Employees can click on the View Instructions icon in ESS to get more information on how to complete Step 2, 3 and 4 of the W-4
- ► Employees may need to reference additional information or worksheets from the IRS.gov website to accurately complete the on-line W-4 form
- ▶ It is recommended that employees consult a tax attorney or tax specialist for guidance in completing the Federal W-4 to best meet the unique tax situation of the employee

► ESS Form W-4 Step 1:



► ESS Form W-4 Step 2:

Complete Steps 2 through 4 ONLY if they apply to you. To see if you are exempt from withholding or you have concerns about your privacy, see instructions for Form W-4 on the IRS website.

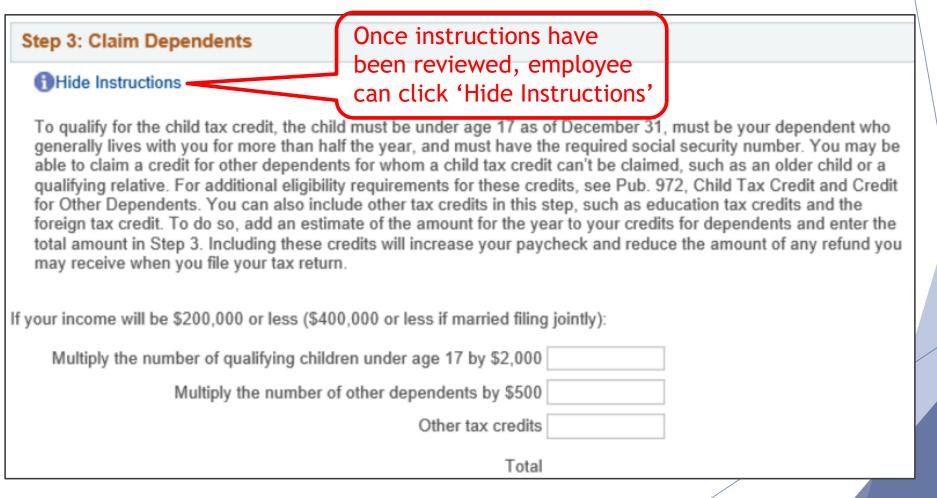
Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all these jobs.

- View Instructions
- Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

Expandable 'View
Instructions' links provide
additional information to
employee about completing
the W-4 form

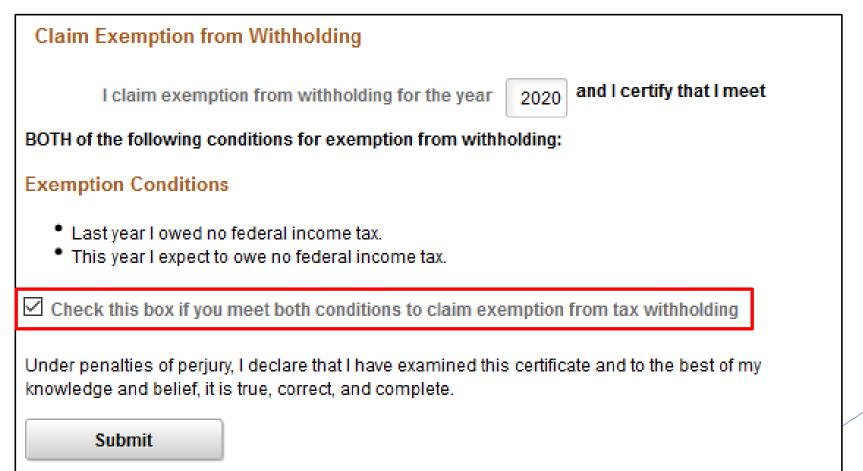
ESS Form W-4 Step 3:



► ESS Form W-4 Step 4:

Step 4: Other Adjustments Hide Instructions (a) Other Income. If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income. You should not include income from any jobs. (b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet and enter the result here. (c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period. (a) Other Income (b) Deductions (c) Extra Withholding

ESS Form W-4 'Claim Exemption':



▶ If an employee attempts to enter an Extra Withholding amount in Step 4(c) and checks the 'Claim Exemption' checkbox, the following error message will appear and the employee will have to make corrections before submitting the form in ESS:

You cannot claim dependents or other adjustments and also claim exemption from withholding.

You must remove the dependents and other adjustments or deselect the checkbox to claim exempt from withholding.

OK

SHARP Transition Timeline

SHARP – Transition Timeline

- ► SHARP Testing of system changes Currently in process
- Agency notification to Exempt employees Should be in process
- Agency distribution of 2020 W-4 Employee Letter to ALL employees Should be in process
- ► SHARP System updates Overnight Dec. 29, 2019
- SHARP execution of KPAY320 to insert 1/1/2020 Fed Tax Data rows Morning of Dec. 30, 2019 (after system updates are complete)
- Agency entry of employee-submitted 2020 W-4 Forms begins Dec. 30, 2019 after notification via SHARP Infolist of completion of KPAY320
- ▶ SHARP 2020 Federal W-4 available in Employee Self Service Jan. 1, 2020

Payroll Reminders

Payroll Year-End Reminders

- Submit agency DA-180 Payroll Adjustment forms to Statewide Payroll ASAP the final off-cycle for 2019 W-2 paychecks is Tuesday, Dec. 24th
- Agency HR/Payroll/Finance staff are encouraged to work together to ensure correct classification of employee vs. independent contractor and dual employment scenarios
- Please encourage agency employees to consider consenting to receive their 2019 W-2 electronically via Employee Self Service it's quick, secure, and convenient!
- ► The **TENTATIVE date** for the W-2 Final load is currently scheduled for Jan. 2nd
- ▶ Please remind all employees to review and update (if necessary) the primary e-mail address in the 'My System Profile' tile of Employee Self Service as this is the e-mail address to which all W-2 electronic consent notifications will be sent



DA-184 Direct Deposit Security Reminders

- HR/Payroll staff are the first and last line of defense to protect employees from requests for fraudulent direct deposit changes
- ► The updated DA-184 form is available in Employee Self-Service or in person from the agency HR office – e-mail the form only after validating requestor
- ► The updated DA-184 should not be posted to agency websites!
- To best protect employees, the agency validation section at the bottom of the form MUST be completed for ALL requested direct deposit changes
- Receiving the DA-184 form from an e-mail that appears to be from the employee is no longer an acceptable method of validation
- ▶ If a fraudulent direct deposit is identified, contact statewide payroll as soon as possible to maximize the potential for recovery of the funds

DA-184 Direct Deposit Valid Form

► The updated DA-184 form is the only version that can be accepted and includes/requires completion of the below agency certification section:

State of Kansas Section B: Agency Certification Department of Administration ester of the change of information and that the information is I, the undersigned, certify that I have verified the employe DA-184 (Rev. 04-2017) true and correct. **OLD VERSION -**Date: Signature: Print name: No Longer Valid Department ID: Phone number: Agency number: ___ DO NOT ACCEPT Method of verification:

State of Kansas Department of Administration DA-184 (Rev. 09-2019)

NEW VERSION -Accept and Certify this version only!

(electronic signature is not acceptable)					
Section B: Agency Certif	ication				
I, the undersigned, certify that I have verified the employee is the requester of the change of information and that the information is true and correct.					
Signature:	Date:	Print name:			
Agency number:	Department ID:	Phone number:			
(Check One) Verified requested changes in person using employee identification (preferred method) Verified requested changes with employee using known employee phone number					



Any Questions?

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